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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT: Director's Morning Briefing, 28 June 1963

1. Mr. Smith, AD/OCI, discussed the number of current intelligence items. Of possible interest to the DDR were the following:

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a. There were indications that the Cubans may be becoming more ~~super~~-self-sufficient in utilizing the SA-2 system.

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b. It appears that the MIG-21D will be provided to Hungary; this is the all-weather version.

c. There is increasing evidence of a possible coup in South Vietnam.

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2. Mr. Bross reported on some difficulties with the Bureau of the Budget and with DOD concerning [redacted]. In connection with this item, Mr. McCone indicated that he was to receive a letter from Congressman Cannon of the Defense Appropriations Committee asking that the DCI look into and make recommendations on the total DOD intelligence budget. Mr. McCone indicated his intentions of moving rapidly into this field.

3. Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that there was an evident lack of culture in the Agency. Today is the last day for fuming in funds in accordance with the President's appeal, and practically no money has been received.

4. Mr. McCone reported on the Special Group meeting of yesterday as follows:

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b. The actions and progress of the TFW were well received.

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d. Discussion took place on Project TAGBOARD. It was agreed that CIA must maintain a full control of the "skunkworks", including all contracting and security. This was necessary in order to insure that OXCART receives priority necessary to get into immediate operation. Mr. McCone stated that it was agreed that some Air Force technical men could be placed in our organization as the means of training and familiarization. I asked if this meant that at a later time operational control would go to the Air Force. Mr. McCone said that this had not been decided and would not be worried about until after the A-12 is flying.

5. I reported on the progress of 9056 at which time Mr. McCone asked that we insure coverage of Egypt with this operation. *(memo attached)*

6. Also reported were:

a. NRO's direction to buy four new ARGON payloads.

b. Delivery of the first AF-12.

c. A request by State and NRO for OXCART clearance for Mr. William R. Tyler, Assistant Secretary for European Affairs. On this item Mr. McCone said to delay clearance until he received a request from Secretary Rusk. OSA has been informed.



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